in Municipal Offices, be directed to undergo training in the recognised institutions providing special courses for them.

17. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—This Council recommends to the Government not to approve or prescribe as Text-books, the books written or published by those who are members of the Text-Book Committee or Board of Studies.

18. **Mr. Joseph Pettah.**—This Council recommends to the Government that, in view of their large and increasing number, a more commodious chapel be provided for the Christian patients of the Adoor Leper Asylum.

19. **Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.**—This Council recommends that the Visha Vaidyam Central Stores be shifted to Trichur, and tacked on the Central Ayurvedic Hospital, and that the courses of study in Visha Vaidyam may be imparted at the said Central Ayurvedic Institution.

20. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—This Council recommends to the Government to construct a cause-way and bridge over Perimplissery Ferry (connecting Ammatom with Perimplissery.)

21. **Mr. Joseph Pettah.**—This Council recommends that, in view of the severity of the present agricultural depression, the Government be pleased to remit the second crop assessment on single crop lands, for the year 1109.

22. **Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.**—This Council recommends to Government that the post of 'Financial Secretary to Government' be created forthwith in the Huzur Office.

23. This Council recommends to Government that the Criminal Intelligence Department be organised forthwith.

24. This Council recommends to Government that the rules regarding the grant of Compassionate Gratuity be so modified as to make the benefits thereof, available to the undivided family or tarward of the deceased officer if the officer be an unmarried person.

## Statement of the Progressive Party.

**President.**—One word. The other day in throwing out the Demand for General Administration the Leader of the Progressive Party had said that he will put in a statement showing reasons for voting it out. The Hon'ble President then has been pleased to allow that statement to be read in open Council after finishing the work of the Council. I have handed it over to the Hon'ble Member for Trichur for reading it. He will kindly read it now.

**Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.**—I beg to state that as the statement submitted by me on 20th Karkadagam 1108 on behalf of the Progressive Party is not sufficiently explicit, I have to

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submit the following fuller and amplified statement. The Progressive Party of the Cochin Legislative Council wishes to place on record the reasons for which the members of the Party thought it necessary to vote out the demand for General Administration.

1. The non-official members of the House hitherto enjoyed the right of putting questions, moving resolutions and making cut motions to press their claims for further constitutional reforms. Such opportunities have been totally denied to us during the present Budget Session by the disallowance of questions and cut motions relating thereto.

2. Further in spite of the repeated motions passed in the Legislative Council to introduce constitutional reforms, as no action in the matter has hitherto been taken we have to urge upon the Government the necessity of taking immediate steps in that direction.

3. We were therefore constrained to resort to the only constitutional measure open to us to bring home to the Government our sense of dissatisfaction in the matter.

## Prorogation of the Council.

**Mr. Joseph Pettah.**—On a point of information. The other day the President was pleased to announce that at the end of the Session he would give us the statistics regarding the number of questions asked and disallowed.

**President.**—Hon'ble Members of the House, before proroguing the sitting I may be permitted, as usual, to say a few words in my capacity as President who was allowed the privilege of presiding over the last few days of the sitting.

As was observed the other day by the Officiating Diwan-President we had had to miss the presence of the Deputy President of the Council and unfortunately for us even the Officiating Diwan-President was suffering from a slight indisposition so as to prevent him from presiding this week over this Council. But I am very glad to inform you that both of them have practically recovered from their slight indisposition and I am sure the House will be glad to hear that they have been restored practically to good health to be ready to work with whatever work they may be entrusted with.

With regard to the point that was brought to the notice of the President the other day I am told that the total number of questions admitted was 558, the number answered 469, the balance to be answered 89 and the number of disallowed questions 100.

I do not think that there remains much to be said except perhaps a personal note. In the first place I am glad to note

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